THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The item-wise details of the Central assistance sought by the State Government are given below:—

(Rs. in crores)

| Item | Amounts |
|---|---|
| Agriculture | 3.89 |
| Lift irrigation | 9.17 |
| Cross Bundhs | 0 18 |
| Water Harvesting structures | 2,82 |
| Drinking water | 1.90 |
| Labour Intensive works | 29.97 |
| Feeding Programme | 12.60 |
| TOTAL: | 60.53 |

(c) and (d) A Central team has already visited Orissa to make an on the spot assessment of the drought situation.

**Acquisition of land in Delhi**

4211. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a press report which was published in the Indian Express dated 1st August, 1987 with the caption 'Big fish evade the net deftly';

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in regard thereto;

(c) the total area of land in Delhi notified for acquisition under Section 6 of the Land Acquisition Act and the purpose for which the land was proposed to be acquired;

(d) whether some of the land notified for acquisition has since been denotified; and

(e) the steps Government propose to take to acquire the land earlier notified for acquisition without any reservation and use it for the betterment of involved in the said denotification of land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (e) So far vacant land measuring 7206 Bighas 13 Biswas has been taken over in 9 villages and the taking over of possession of the remaining land is under process.

(c) Land measuring 54,959 bighas and one Biswa was notified under section 6 of the Land Acquisition Act in 13 villages of South Delhi and this land was notified for the "Planned Development of Delhi" and award has also been drawn and announced.

(d) Yes, Sir.

**Protection of flood-prone areas in Assam**

4212. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 50 per cent of the 3.15 million hectares of geographical area idnetified as flood-prone in Assam has been accorded protection by the end of 1986; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction to the vastness of the area affected and devastation caused by the latest flood in that State?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This year, the Brahmaputra has exceeded the highest flood level of the past at Dibrugarh, Nimatighat and Guwahati and its tributary Burhi Dihing at Khowang. Occurrence of floods of a record magnitude leads to overtopping and breach of embankments which are generally designed to cope with a flood of 25 years'

frequency. At places, the problem can be compounded because of inadequate maintenance leading to breaches or cuts in embankments made by people in order to save their property. In some cases, where high intensity precipitation takes place in areas given reasonable protection during the flood period, it leads to drainage congestion in the hinterland.

**Hiring of plinths in the Western Zone by the FCI**

4213. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of open plinths which had been taken on rent by the Food Corporation of India in the Western zone during the last 3 years and when these were hired;

(b) whether all the plinths were available to the Food Corporation of India within the contracted time or whether there was delay on the part of the plinth owners in completing the work and if there was delay, then how much, plinth-wise details;

(c) whether the Food Corporation of India are continuing to acquire new godowns plinths on hire basis in the western zone, if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether representations have been received from Members of Parliament conveying the grievances of a party whose plinths are not being taken possession of by the Food Corporation of India though the plinths were ready before time of the agreement and if so, what action is proposed to be taken by Government in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The Food Corporation of India (FCI) has hired 22 plinths in the west zone during the last 3 years. In some of these cases there was certain delay in taking over the plinths. A statement showing the date of take over of each plinth and the delay in taking over in each case is attached. (See below).

(c) The existing storage capacity available with the FCI in the west zone is adequate to meet the requirement for current foodgrain stock level. The Corporation, therefore, does not propose to hire new godowns/plinths in the west zone.

(d) The Corporation has received representations from some Members of Parliament about taking over of the plinths of a particular party. These representations are under consideration of the Corporation.

**Statement**

| Sl. No. | Centre | Capacity (Tonnes) | Date of take-over of plinths | Delay in taking over the plinths (in days) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1 | Dhule | 57640 | 31-1-1986 | .. |
| 2 | Ahmednagar | 27500 | 1-5-1986 | .. |
| 3 | Khandwa | 10000 | 1-7-1986 | .. |
| 4 | Khandwa | 5000 | 1-7-1986 | . |
| 5 | Datia | 25000 | 29-10-1985 | 77 |
| 6 | Satna | 10000 | 23-1-1986 | 96 |